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1. The arrest of Lavrentiy P. Beriya came as a surprise to persons in Latvia; however, their reaction was not uniform. Some rejoiced that the greatest executioner of the Cheka, who was responsible for the sorrows of so many mothers and orphans, had met his doom. Others feared that the policy of more leniency toward national interests, which Beriya had sponsored, would receive a setback.
2. No particular changes in politics had yet been observed in Latvia as the result of Beriya's removal.
3. The only information available concerning relations between the Party and the MVD comes from the Soviet press, but from this, it may be concluded that the complete subordination of the MVD to the Party can be expected.

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